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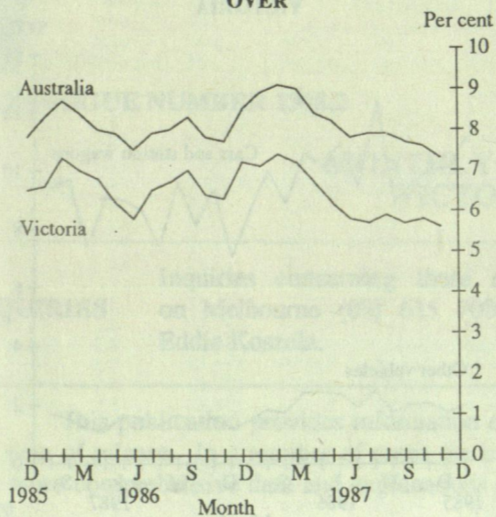
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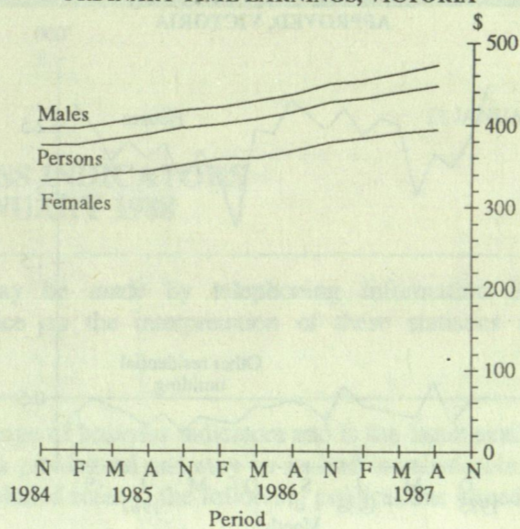
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Nov 87	1,543.2	1,556.8	1,543.6	1,550.5	1,522.1	1.4	5,705.6	1.0
- total	'000	Nov 87	1,927.9	1,927.7	1,927.9	1,931.2	1,877.6	2.7	7,159.9	2.2
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Nov 87	88.9	90.2	86.8	92.4	104.0	-14.5	469.6	-3.9
- total	'000	Nov 87	115.1	119.5	116.3	122.0	127.2	-9.5	566.5	-2.8
Labour force	'000	Nov 87	2,043.0	2,047.2	2,044.2	2,053.2	2,004.8	1.9	7,726.4	1.8
Participation rate	per cent	Nov 87	62.0	62.2	62.2	62.5	61.9	0.2	61.5	-0.3
Unemployment rate	per cent	Nov 87	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.3	-11.1	7.3	-5.2
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 87	16.5	17.6	18.0	12.8	12.9	27.9	56.2	15.6
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Aug 87	1.45	1.41	1.38	1.40	1.22	18.9	1.22	5.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	Aug 87	447.10	440.00	432.50	427.70	415.60	7.6	444.50	6.1
Males	\$	Aug 87	472.80	463.60	454.60	450.30	437.50	8.1	470.70	6.0
Females	\$	Aug 87	394.50	390.50	384.10	378.30	368.30	7.1	388.90	7.0
All employees total earnings	\$	Aug 87	395.40	394.20	391.70	388.50	374.80	5.5	393.20	5.2
Males	\$	Aug 87	454.50	451.10	447.80	446.70	429.50	5.8	458.10	4.8
Females	\$	Aug 87	311.70	311.90	307.90	301.00	294.50	5.8	302.30	6.9
CONSUMER PRICES (a)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Sep qr 87	164.1	160.5	160.2	158.9	156.1	5.1	160.2	4.4
Clothing	index	Sep qr 87	158.8	157.3	151.8	151.3	145.9	8.8	159.1	8.9
Housing	index	Sep qr 87	183.4	180.1	176.9	173.9	171.3	7.1	172.3	7.4
Household equipment & operation	index	Sep qr 87	169.8	166.7	163.0	161.3	156.8	8.3	168.8	7.6
Transportation	index	Sep qr 87	174.7	171.0	169.9	164.5	156.8	11.4	181.9	10.6
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Sep qr 87	186.8	184.8	181.2	176.8	171.8	8.7	192.6	10.1
Health & personal care	index	Sep qr 87	173.4	172.8	168.5	164.1	151.4	14.5	163.7	14.2
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Sep qr 87	152.1	149.1	146.8	142.1	139.8	8.8	148.7	8.5
All groups	index	Sep qr 87	171.6	168.6	166.0	162.9	158.2	8.5	170.0	8.3
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Sep 87	1,277.0	1,240.7	1,312.0	1,219.6	1,191.5	7.2	4,856.8	8.3
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Sep 87	41	37	39	41	43	-4.7	167	-2.3
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Sep 87	309	299	298	279	268	15.3	1,405	15.4
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Sep 87	40,579	41,445	42,996	36,789	37,231	9.0	58,162	1.6
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Sep 87	3,038	3,052	3,211	2,872	3,058	-0.7	3,638	-2.3
Cars & station wagons	'000	Sep 87	19.0	18.4	20.2	15.4	18.8	1.1	29.4	8.1
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Sep 87	1,068	960	1,150	993	927	15.2	2,091	13.6
- Wool	tonnes	Sep 87	1,551	1,517	1,742	1,473	1,387	11.8	2,160	9.4
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Sep 87	1,716	1,661	2,012	1,420	1,733	-1.0	3,628	15.7
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Sep 87	327	299	329	342	281	16.4	1,107	13.7
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Sep 87	7,579	7,657	7,036	8,113	6,602	14.8	14,630	-3.7
Electricity	million kWh	Sep 87	2,760	2,981	2,919	3,005	2,463	12.1	11,226	5.5
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Oct 87	1,148.9	1,122.9	1,073.4	1,215.4	1,235.1	-7.0	3,300.0	27.5
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Oct 87	693.1	625.4	674.9	651.7	561.0	23.5	3,213.0	16.0
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Oct 87	2,659	2,499	2,250	2,399	2,700	-1.5	9,626	14.6
New other residential building	No.	Oct 87	379	504	449	392	492	-23.0	2,467	4.0
Value of all building	\$m	Oct 87	432.4	398.1	572.8	402.5	346.7	24.7	1,818.7	27.9
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Mar qr 87	6,680	7,310	6,860	6,750	6,930	-3.6	20,830	-10.7
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qr 87	451.6	473.1	445.4	426.6	424.8	6.3	1,293.4	-2.6
New other residential buildings	No.	Mar qr 87	1,097	1,236	1,360	1,150	1,385	-20.8	6,190	-13.8
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar qr 87	52.7	58.6	58.2	47.9	56.6	-6.9	271.2	-18.5
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Mar qr 87	548.0	378.1	880.2	429.0	496.5	10.4	2,039.1	4.9
Value of all building	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,141.2	1,008.2	1,469.2	990.5	1,053.0	8.4	3,857.0	0.4
Value of work done in period	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,131.2	1,180.9	1,212.8	1,173.3	980.1	15.4	4,084.4	7.7
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d)										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Sep 87	110.6	110.1	109.2	108.5	103.9	6.4	110.2	5.9
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Sep 87	186.0	185.0	184.1	183.3	174.8	6.4	189.8	6.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Oct 87	11,151	11,247	8,640	11,078	11,916	-6.4	38,947	-3.9
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Oct 87	9,431	9,710	7,415	9,092	10,043	-6.1	31,847	-1.8
Motor cycles	No.	Oct 87	1,720	1,537	1,225	1,086	1,873	-8.2	7,100	-12.3
	No.	Oct 87	384	278	228	347	536	-28.4	1,653	-28.1
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Oct 87	20,076	20,178	19,948	20,082	17,250	16.4	55,334	25.4
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Oct 87	5,540	5,352	5,189	4,980	4,449	24.5	18,405	22.8
Fixed deposits	\$m	Oct 87	7,686	7,573	7,766	7,968	8,344	-7.9	28,576	-2.5
Advances	\$m	Oct 87	15,008	14,484	13,904	13,826	12,869	16.6	46,939	8.5
Debits to customers' accounts (e)	\$m	Oct 87	34,189	33,666	30,368	31,024	29,890	14.4	151,833	45.4
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Oct 87	416.6	420.3	328.1	366.8	385.4	8.1	1,612.0	31.4
Savings banks	\$m	Oct 87	313.8	316.7	263.1	304.9	327.0	-4.0	1,031.6	20.6
Trading banks	\$m	Oct 87	25.9	37.6	18.7	22.3	20.8	24.5	165.3	70.9
Permanent building societies	\$m	Oct 87	58.6	46.2	30.3	24.0	22.0	166.4	331.3	66.7
Other lenders	\$m	Oct 87	18.3	19.8	16.1	15.6	15.7	16.6	83.7	10.7
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (f)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,607	1,260	1,690	1,597	1,454	17.3	6,106	14.7
Finance	\$m	Jun qr 87	571	443	612	599	528	16.7	1,535	2.5
New building and structures	\$m	Jun qr 87	637	519	646	645	577	15.8	2,418	32.7
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Jun qr 87	422	295	387	430	378	43.9	1,903	18.0
	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,185	965	1,303	1,166	1,076	10.8	4,203	13.3

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

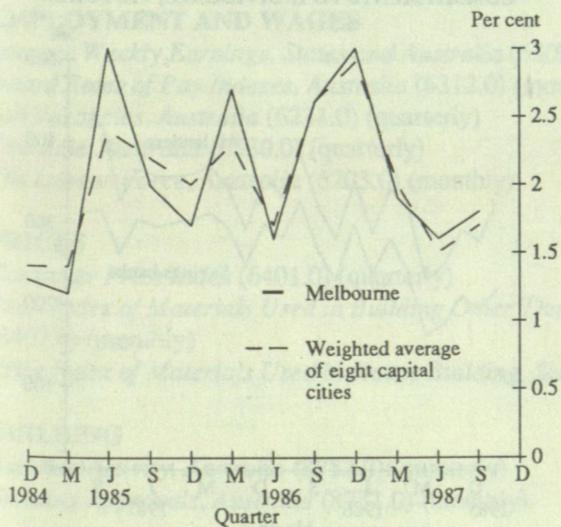
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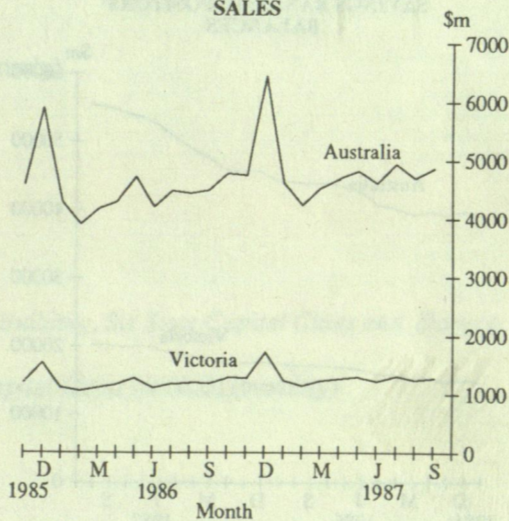
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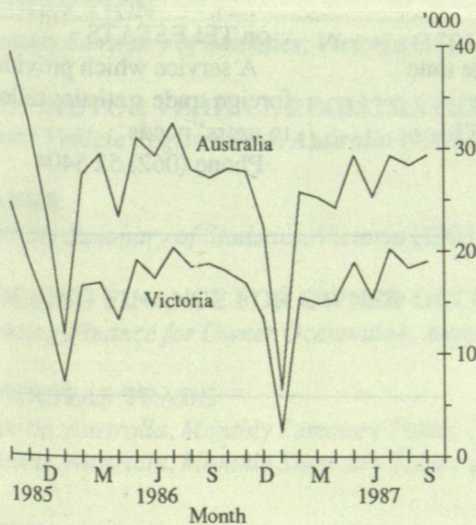
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Percentage change from previous quarter



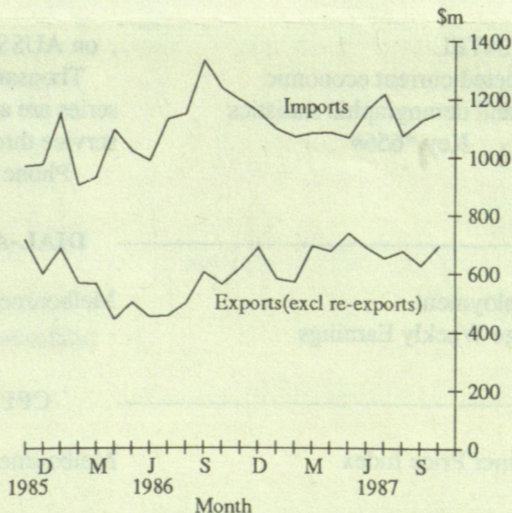
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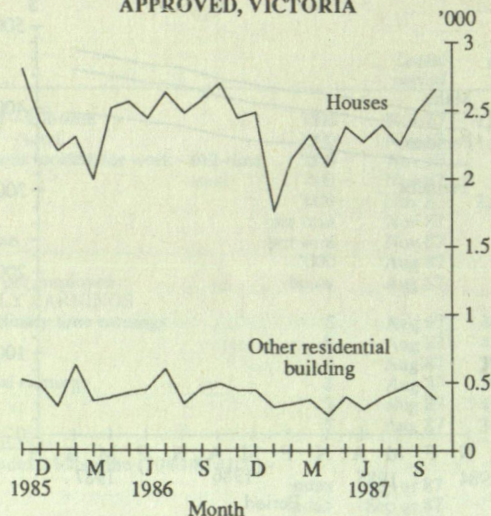
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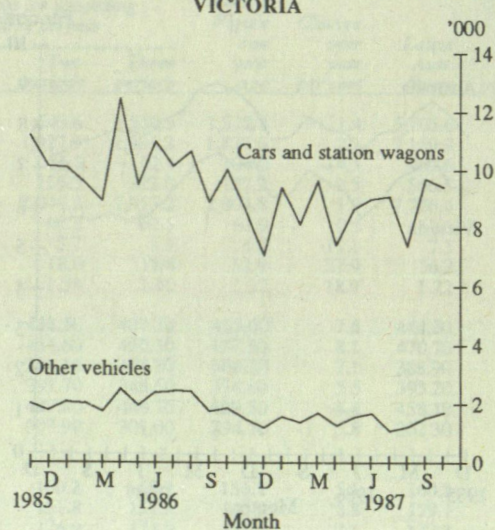
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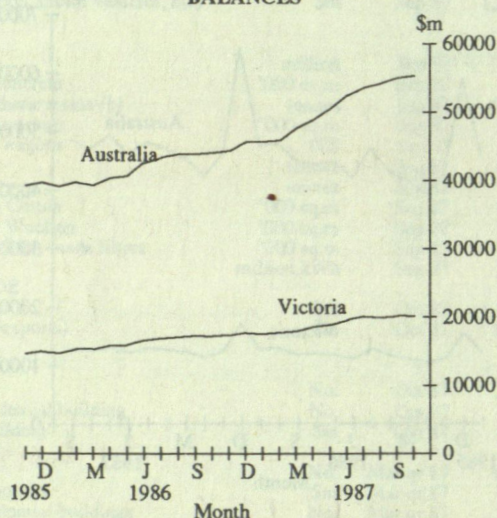
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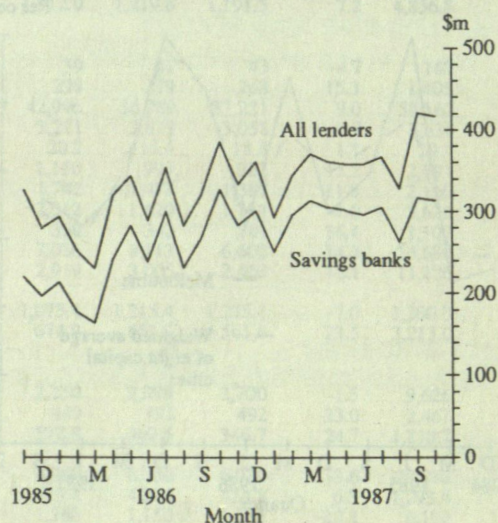
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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE
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